

**GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
ABSTRACT**

RD Deptt.,- MGNREGA - Appointment of Ombudsmen for redressal of grievances and observations of Social Audit - Constitution of Selection Committee for appointment of Ombudsmen to (30) Districts in Telangana State - Orders - Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ & RURAL DEVELOPMENT (RD) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 57

Dated: 31-07-2017.

Read the following:-

1. G.O.Ms.No.98, PR & RD (RD.II) Deptt., Dt. 09-03-2010.
2. G.O.Ms.No.142, PR & RD (RD.II) Deptt., Dt. 21-04-2010.
3. G.O.Ms.No.349, PR & RD (RD.II) Deptt., Dt.18-07-2013.
4. From the GoI,MoRD,New Delhi,Lr.No.L-11011/21/2012-RE-VII Dt:16-01-2014.
5. G.O.Ms.No.106, PR&RD (RD.II) Deptt., Dt:01-06-2014.
6. From the Commissioner, Rural Development, Telangana, Hyd., Lr.No.42/CVO/AVO-2/Ombudsman/2017, dt. 29-04-2017.

ORDER:

In the reference 4th read above, Government of India have issued instructions on filling up of the posts by Ombudsmen in RD Department and as per Section 30, Schedule (1) of the MGNREGS Act the states are mandated to appoint an Ombudsperson for each district for receiving grievances, enquiring in to and passing awards and requested to ensure that the current vacancies are filled up in a time bound manner.

2. Society for Social Audit, Accountability and Transparency (SSAAT) was formed for the purpose process of social audit wherein wage seekers assisted by the social audit resource persons, conduct public audit of the works, expenditure and entitlements provided under the MGNREG Act, 2005 and also in accordance with the orders issued in the 5th read above.

3. The Commissioner, Rural Development, Telangana, Hyderabad has submitted proposals for filling up the post of Ombudsmen for each district in (30) Districts in Telangana State and requested the Government, to constitute a committee as prescribed in the GoI, MoRD, New Delhi guidelines 4th read above.

4. After careful examination of the matter, Government have decided to appoint **Ombudsmen** in every district entrusted with the powers & responsibility of examining all complaints from MGNREGA workers and others or any matters specified in clause 9 of the reference 4th read above and also the irregularities pointed out by the social audit and passing 'Awards' expeditiously.

5. Accordingly, Government hereby constitute a Selection Committee for appointment of Ombudsmen in each District of Telangana State with the following members:

- i. Additional Chief Secretary of the State Government nominated for the purpose - **Chairperson**.
- ii. Representative of Union Ministry of Rural Development –**Member**.
- iii. Eminent Civil Society person nominated by Union Ministry of Rural Development – **Member**.
- iv. Principal Secretary / Secretary of the State Nodal Department - **Member Convener**.

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6. Government prescribes the following procedure for identification of the Ombudsmen:

- a) Application shall be invited through an open advertisement in the proforma prescribed by GoI vide reference 4th cited.
- b) Based on the applications received, the Selection committee shall prepare a District-wise for consideration for appointment as Ombudsman and rank them in order of preference.
- c) After finalization of the panel of Ombudsmen by the selection committee, the list shall be displayed on the website of Rural Development Department for comments from public. After examining the comments if any, selection committee may finalise the list.
- d) The selected candidates shall be trained in MGNREGA before positioning them in the districts.
- e) The Ombudsman shall be appointed for tenure of 2 (two) years extendable not more than twice by one year each based on a performance appraisal process or till the incumbent attains the age of 68 (sixty eight) years, whichever is earlier. There shall be no reappointment.
- f) The Ombudsmen shall be paid **Rs. 1000/-** per sitting subject to maximum upper limit of Rs.20000/- per month.

7. The instructions of Government of India / State of Telangana issued from time to time should be followed.

8. The Commissioner, Rural Development, Telangana, Hyderabad shall take necessary further action for appointment of Ombudsmen to (30) Districts in Telangana as per the Guidelines issued in the reference 4th read above.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

**VIKAS RAJ
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT(FAC)**

To

PS to Chief Secretary to Government/Chair Person, Select Committee on appointment of Ombudsmen.

The Representative of Union Ministry of Rural Development/ Member Select Committee on appointment of Ombudsmen through CRD.

The Civil Society person nominated by Union Ministry of Rural Development/ Member Select Committee on appointment of Ombudsmen through CRD.

The PS to Prl.Secretary to Government/Member Convener Select Committee on appointment of Ombudsmen.

The Commissioner, Rural Development, Telangana, Hyderabad.

Copy to:

The PS to Principal Secretary to Chief Minister

The PS to Minister (PR&RD)

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